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BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) AT 25 JUNE MEETING, NOTED
AGREEMENT WITH 6-7 NOV. 73 AS DATES OF FALL NPG MINISTERIAL
MEETING IN THE HAGUE. SG BEGAN DISCUSSION OF REF
(B) ON CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AND FACILITIES (POUCHED ISA
AND STATE). SG CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON STUDIES OF WARSAW PACT
NUCLEAR STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE AND OF COMMUNICATING NATO' S INTENTIONS
TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SG ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SHAPE 20 JUNE
BRIEFING OF NAC ON NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY SYSTEMS (REPORTED
REF (A)). SG WILL MEET NEXT ON 2 JULY TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF IS
DRAFT WORKING PAPER ON SHAPE REPORT ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND
DOCTRINE. END SUMMARY.

1. DATES OF FALL MEETING. ITALIAN REP (CALIGO) STATED ITALY COULD
AGREE TO MEETING ON 6-7 NOVEMBER. US REP (EISELE) NOTED THAT HE HAD
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BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT US COULD ACCEPT DATES OF 6-7 NOV. (NOTE:
ALL DELEGATIONS WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE HAGUE HAVE NOW STATED

AGREEMENT WITH DATES OF 6-7 NOV.)

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2. NORWEGIAN REP (SKLETNES) INDICATED THAT NORWAY HAD MADE A COMMITMENT AT ANKARA TO HOST SPRING 1974 MEETING AND RECOMMENDED THAT COUNTRIES PLAN TO MEET DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MAY 1974. ITALIAN REP ALSO NOTED THAT ITALY PLANNED TO HOST A MEETING IN 1974 AND SAID IF NORWAY COULD NOT HOST SPRING MEETING ITALY COULD. NORWEGIAN REP SAID NORWAY WOULD HOST SPRING MEETING.

3. CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AND FACILITIES. DURING INITIAL SG DISCUSSION

OF REF (B) US REP NOTED, WITH RESPECT TO PARAS 7 AND 8 ON CLASSIFICATION, THAT US HAD, ON 21 JUNE, PROVIDED NATO OFFICE OF SECURITY WITH REVISION OF THE NATO CLASSIFICATION GUIDE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW CONTAINED IN ANNEX III TO NATO DOCUMENT CM(68)41(REVISED). UK REP (STEWART) NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE CONTENT OF SELECTIVE RELEASE MESSAGES (PARAS 10-12) WAS SOLELY ONE OF EXCHANGING CURRENT HEADINGS (PART ONE, PART TWO, ETC.) WITH MORE SELF- EXPLANATORY HEADINGS. UK, SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS, RECOMMENDED THAT AN AD HOC TEAM MADE UP OF SG MEMBERS MEET WITH APPROPRIATE SHAPE REPS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM BEFORE CONTINUING WORK ON PARAS 10-12. SHAPE REP (COL.

KRONE) WAS AGREEABLE TO SUGGESTION. UK REP SUGGESTED SAME PROCEDURE OF AD HOC TEAM INCLUDING REPS FROM COEC, AND NJCEC TO LOOK AT PROBLEMS OF MESSAGE PRECEDENCE, IDENTIFICATION AND HANDLING, AND SPECIAL OPERATING SIGNAL (PARAS 3-6). SG CHAIRMAN (SEIM) UNDERTOOK TO SET UP THE MEETINGS SUGGESTED BY UK REP.

4. WARSAW PACT STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) STATED THAT CANADA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN STUDY. UK REP SAID THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT UK WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. NETHERLANDS REP (SPIEGELENBERG) SAID THERE WAS A DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS AT 20 JUNE MEETING IN THE HAGUE ON HOW TO PROCEED ON STUDY, BUT THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND AT NEXT MEETING THE HAGUE (29 JUNE) THAT NETHERLANDS CIRCULATE BASIC PAPER TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN AUGUST STATING PROBLEM AND THAT COUNTRY REPS WOULD MEET IN THE HAGUE AFTER AUGUST HOLIDAY TO SET UP WORK PROGRAM.

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5. COMMUNICATING NATO' S INTENTIONS. NORWEGIAN REP INDICATED THAT NORWAY WAS STILL CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN STUDY WITH US. ITALIAN REP SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO GUIDANCE ON ITALIAN PARTICIPATION. US IS ONLY COUNTRY TO DATE TO EXPRESS DEFINITE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN STUDY (REF (:)). ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR USE AT 2 JULY SG MEETING ON US VIEWS ON CARRYING OUT STUDY ALONE, GIVEN LIMITED INTEREST BY OTHER NPG DELEGATIONS.

6. SG MEETS NEXT ON 2 JULY TO BEGIN DISCUSSION ON IS DRAFT WORKING PAPER ON SHAPE REPORT NPG/ D(73)5 ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND DOCTRINE. (DRAFT WILL BE POUCHED ISA AND STATE WHEN RECEIVED.)
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